Applicants for the post of the Anjikaimal District Court Sheristadar.

39. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—(1) How many applicants were there for thrpost of the Anjikaimal District Court Sheristadar;

(2) their names, ages and qualifications;

(3) what are the qualifications necessary for the post;

(4) was the Chief Court consulted in making this appointment;

(5) if so, was the person appointed recommended by the Chief Court;

(6) who is the seniormost graduate-in-law who is in the cadre of Rs. 60—80;

(7) what are the superior qualifications of the person appointed to thosein service;

(8) is not a knowledge of the Standing Orders, Service Rules and Accounts necessary to be an efficient Ministerial Officer?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) 42.

(2) A statement is appended (*Appendix III.*)

(3) The minimum qualification required is S. F. with Civil Judicial, Criminal Judicial and Civil Account Tests.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes.

(6) Mr. A. V. Krishna Ayyar.

(7) The person appointed has experience of over a dozen years at the bar, and has also passed the Chief Court special law examination.

(8) Yes.

Free grants of timber in 1108.

40. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of timber given free to persons in 1108 and the names of such persons and the quantity given to each?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—A statement is appended. (*Appendix IV.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Under what head is this expenditure generally debited?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—To subscriptions and donations.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are not subscriptions and donations generally given to charitable institutions? Is not this amount generally used for charitable purposes?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the price of teak per candy?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It depends upon the girth of the log, generally from Rs. 25—45.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the price of 538 candies of teak and 32 candies of rosewood, mentioned in the Appendix as item 3 ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It comes to about Rs. 21,000 and odd.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know, Sir, whether there was any application from the persons concerned?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are the persons mentioned in the Appendix as item 3 so very poor to receive subscriptions and donations ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I regret I cannot answer that.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are not in possession of facts now as to whether there were applications ? We want answer for that.

President.—The Government Member has already replied that he wants notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the principle on which these gifts or grants are made by the Government ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know Sir, who makes these gifts? Who is the officer primarily concerned in making this grant?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What are the quantities of timber actually allowed to these persons?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is given in the statement. The statement shows the quantity of timber given.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know, Sir, the quantity of timber actually sanctioned to be given to those persons?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice for that also.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know, Sir, whether any grant was made without any application from any person?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—What is the policy of the Government in this matter?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How many applications have the Government received for the grant of timber ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The information is not available now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Ten names are given

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in the Appendix. May I know, Sir, whether these were the only applicants?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—When were the applications received?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—The applications were only sent to my Department.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to state whether any of these persons, ten in number, given in the Appendix, given timber this year, in 1109?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—For that also I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—On a point of order. Are not Government Members expected to be ready with all available and reasonable informations on questions put to the House?

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Especially in view of the fact that this involves thousands of rupees of public funds.

President.—The Government Member placed all the information in his possession before the House and he said that he wants notice for the rest. It is not possible to lay down exactly with what all information they should come. The Hon'ble Members could very well have put them as questions.

Mr. K. Mohamed Seethi.—The Hon'ble Member stated that the applications were not received in his Department. May we know, Sir, which Department receives such applications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A few applications are received in the Huzur and some by the Sarvadhikariakar and some are forwarded by the Head of the Department. There is no uniformity in the matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Which is the Palace Manager shown as item No. 5? Was it given to him in his personal capacity or for Palace work?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is not for personal purpose but for repairing the Athampillikavu temple.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do not these applications reach the Huzur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Some come to the Huzur. The petitioners are at liberty to apply direct to the Sarvadhikariakar. Petitions are also forwarded to the Huzur by the Heads of Departments.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Finally do not they reach the Huzur?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Not necessarily.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know who submits these papers for the sanction of His Highness?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Petitions received in the

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Huzur are forwarded to the Sarvadhikariakar.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Who is the sanctioning authority?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—His Highness the Maharaja.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—From Appendix IV it is seen that seigniorage was collected from some persons only. May I know why seigniorage was collected from some persons and why it was not collected from others?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Two methods are followed. In some cases the department bears the seigniorage and the cost is paid by the Superintendent of Stamps. In some cases the seigniorage is recovered from the parties and the price is paid by the Superintendent.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Where was this timber delivered? Was it delivered at the Government depot or at the places belonging to those parties ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—At the Government depot.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—To all these persons ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Diwan has anything to do with these grants? It is stated that sanction is given by His Highness the Maharaja. I want to know whether the Diwan has anything to do in this matter.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Diwan can make his recommendations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has any particular case mentioned in the list been recommended by the Diwan ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—When were these grants made?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In 1108.

Mr. K. Ayyappan—Who was the Diwan then?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The permanent Diwan Mr. Herbert.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was this grant, item No. 3 in the Appendix, made following any precedent?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Consort and children of His Highness the late Ex-Maharaja have been given a house at Sirkar cost. The Consort of the late Maharaja who demised in Madras has been given a monthly allowance of Rs. 100. So they are in a way precedents. It is on that basis.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was it anticipating events?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is no anticipating of events at all.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether this will not form a precedent?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a matter of opinion.

Murder cases reported to the police in 1108.

41. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of murder cases reported to the Police in 1108;

(b) how many of those were charge-sheeted and how many were convicted?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) 11.

10 (the remaining one was finally reported as the accused committed suicide immediately after committing the offence).

(b) 7 (one case is pending trial).

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was it on account of any defect in the investigation made by the Police Officers that the two cases resulted in acquittal?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In one case the accused was insane. In the other the approver turned hostile.

Motor accidents in the State.

42. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of motor accidents in the State during the years 1106, 1107 and 1108 respectively?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—

In 1106 47.
In 1107 82.
In 1108 66.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Was any enquiry made into the process of these accidents during the various years?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—In every case enquiry was made and then only punishment was given.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Were the delinquents in the case properly punished to prevent recurrence of such accidents?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Unbudgetted works above Rs. 100 undertaken by Panchayats in 1108.

43. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the items of works above Rs. 100 undertaken by the Panchayats in 1108 for which no provision was made in the budget with the amount spent for each item?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—A list containing the information is appended (*Appendix V*).

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APPENDIX III.—(*cont*).

Serial No.	Name of applicants	Qualification	Age
38	A Govinda Wariar	B. A. and B. L. and Account and Civil Account tests	31
39	C D Sreedhara Prabhu	B. A. and B. L.	No information
40	C R Sivaramakrishna Ayyar	do	do
41	K S Kunjan Pillai	do	do
42	L V Sambasiva Ayyar	School Final, Civil Judicial and Criminal Judicial and Civil Account tests	do

APPENDIX IV.

Statement of free grants ordered in 1108 M. E.

Serial No.	Names of personsor institutions timber has beengiven or promised to be given in 1108	Quantity in candies	Quality	Remarks
1	Mr. N Gopala Ayyar	10	Teak	
2	Rev. Fr. Jacob	10	Teak	
3	Consort and Children of His Highness the Maharaja	538	Teak	
		32	Rosewood	
4	Secretary, Nayar Karayogam, Nadama	10	Teak	
5	Palace Manager	30	Teak	
6	Mr. Neelakanta Kartha	10	Teak	
7	President, Sreedharma Yogam	10	Teak	
8	Mr. Abdul Rahiman	10	Teak	
9	Rev. Mother Salomi	30	Koramarudu	
10	P. L. Joseph	10	Teak	Seigniorage collected
		15	Irul	
	Total	**715**		

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